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SUBJECT: JAPAN CHARTER OF REVIEW OF AGRIC POLICIES

REF: G.A. PARKS LETTER TO AGATT OF OCT. 3, 1973

SUMMARY: AGATT FINDS JAPAN CHAPTER OF REVIEW OF AGRICULTURAL  
POLICIES ACCURATE BUT BADLY IN NEED OF UP-DATING. END SUMMARY.

1. AGATT FEELS SUBJ REVIEW IS ACCURATE FOR PERIOD IT COVERS  
BUT FINDS IT 1 TO 1-1/2 YEARS BEHIND TIMES. THIS IMPORTANT  
BECAUSE OF DRASTIC CHANGES IN WORLD AGRICULTURAL SITUATION  
OVER PAST YEAR OR SO AND RESULTING CHANGES IN ATMOSPHERE  
WITHIN GOJ ON AGRICULTURAL AND TRADE POLICY.
2. PRODUCERS RICE PRICE RAISED OVER 16 PERCENT THIS YEAR.  
TOBACCO PRODUCERS DEMANDED AND GOT SILILAR INCREASE. SUGAR  
PRODUCERS NOW DEMANDING SAME. WHEAT AND BARLEY PRICES  
RAISED OVER 14 PERCENT WITH SPECIAL ADDED INCENTIVE BONUS NOW  
IN THE MAKING. GUARANTEED PRICE (INCLUDING SPECIAL BONUS) FOR  
SOYBEANS WILL LIKELY BE DOBLED SOON (FROM \$10/BU. TO ABOUT  
\$20/BU.)
3. PLANS NOW BEING DEVELOPED TO RAISE RESALE PRICE OF RICE  
BY 17-19 PERCENT AND OF WHEAT BY 30-40 PERCENT. WHEAT IMPORTS  
PREVIOUSLY EARNED REVENUE FOR GOJ BUT THIS YEAR HAVE BEEN HEAVILY  
SUBSIDIZED. HENCE THE ABNORMALLY HIGH PROPOSED RAISE IN

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WHEAT RESALE PRICE.

4. PAYMENT FOR DIVERTING RICE LAND TO FALLOW UNDER RICELAND  
DIVERSION PROGRAM WILL BE TERMINATED BEFORE NEXT CROP. IN LIGHT  
OF THIS AND 16 PERCENT RICE PRICE INCREASE, RICE STOCKS  
EXPECTED TO INCREASE SUBSTANTIALY IN COMING YEARS.  
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